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The course is superb and any member not playing at the present time is missing out on a fabulous experience. It is a great time to encourage others in our district & visiting to come and play our lovely little bush course.

Pennant History!!

Recently the Women's Pennant team won the Wimmera District Golf Association Pennant competition. This coincides with the Men winning their section too, so it is worthwhile noting it in the history of the club. Rarely have both pennant teams won in the same season. Congratulations to both!!



Women L-R: Vikki Hinkley, Karen Germano, Janice Midgley, Cindy Marsh, Wendy Hewitt.

Men L-R: John Jess, Brenton Cheney, Ryan McKenzie, Dean Gunn, Danny Kearns

Women's Pennant results

Warracknabeal Golfers Triumph in Wimmera Women's Pennant Final

Warracknabeal Golf Club has claimed the 2026 Wimmera Women's Pennant title. It completed an outstanding unbeaten season and adding another major success to the club's list of achievements.

The competition featured seven teams from across the Wimmera, including two teams each from Horsham and Stawell, along with representatives from Warracknabeal,

Jeparit and Kaniva. Played over six rounds from April to June, the round-robin competition rotated across five golf courses throughout the region.

Pictured L-R: Vikki Hinkley, Karen Germano, Jancie Midgley, Cindy Marsh, Wendy Hewitt.

After remaining undefeated throughout the home-and-away rounds, Warracknabeal earned a place in the grand finale against Stawell 2.

The final was played in perfect conditions at Horsham Golf Club on Monday, June 22, and delivered a thrilling contest that went right down to the wire. Matches were played in order from the number five players through to the number one player, with both teams locked in a fierce battle all day.

As the final group approached the closing holes, the overall score stood at two matches apiece, leaving the result resting on the final pairing between Warracknabeal's Captain Wendy Hewitt and Stawell's Tania Dignan. With teammates and supporters watching anxiously, Hewitt produced a clutch performance, securing victory on the 17th hole and sealing both the match and the premiership for Warracknabeal.

Final Results

Wendy Hewitt (16) defeated **Tania Dignan (12)** 2 & 1

Cindy Marsh (21) defeated **Anna Sullivan (20)** 5 & 4

Janice Midgley (21) lost to **Joan Fletcher (20)** 4 & 3

Karen Germano (23) lost to **Libby O'Callaghan (24)** 4 & 3

Vicki Hinkley (25) defeated **Hayley Shanahan (28)** 4 & 3

Overall Result: Warracknabeal defeated Stawell 2, 3 matches to 2.

The premiership victory was the result of a tremendous team effort throughout the season. Warracknabeal was strongly supported by squad members **Leonie Atkin, Leonie Saunders and Venita Walder**, whose contributions played an important role in the team's success. On grand final day, the team was also backed by fellow club members acting as caddies, namely **Debby Barling, Leonie Saunders, Mary Massey and Venita Walder**.

The victory is especially significant for Warracknabeal Golf Club, coming just weeks after the club's Men's Pennant team also captured its Wimmera Pennant title. Winning both the men's and women's competitions in the same season is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the strength of golf at the club.

Go Warracknabeal!

By Wendy Hewitt



Position open!!

The newsletter is an important communication tool for our members, and a new scribe is required within the next month or two. If you are interested in maintaining the presence of the newsletter, please contact a committee member or David Baxter.

Men's Championships Sponsors:

**Scratch -Emmett's Warracknabeal
Handicap – O'Connors Warracknabeal**

I apologise to both Emmett's & O'Connors who are long term sponsors in the club for incorrectly naming the Championship sponsorship in the last newsletter. Obviously, I need to update my sponsorship brain & use current information.

The second round & third rounds of the championships have been played. Players who have played all three rounds may drop one of those rounds. The final round is compulsory & this round counts as the players third & final round. The top qualifying players will be sent off in their divisions which adds interest to the groups as they complete the final round. They will hit off at 12:00pm while the rest of the field will hit off at 11:00am allowing them to finish earlier allowing them to follow the final groups in.

Good scores in the second round were:

Open: Gary Krahe 79, Ryan McKenzie 79, John Jess 80
Intermediate: Danny Kearns 87, Ryan Smith & Brenton Cheney 89.
B Grade: Richie Bett 92, Mark Lovett 93, Dave Flannery 98.
C Grade: Kym Stepney 100, Mick Marchment 103, Derek Picken 105.

The third round was played on Saturday 4th July so now we can see who is leading overall heading into the final round on Saturday 1st August.

Good scores in the third round were:

Open: Dean Gunn 75, Ryan McKenzie 82, Gary Krahe 84.
Intermediate: Danny Kearns 87, Ryan Smith & Brenton Cheney 89.
B Grade: Richie Bett, Mark Lovett & Allan Habel 90.
C Grade: Jake Cheney 102, Mick Marchment & Jamie Weston 103.

The final qualifying leaders are:

Emmett's Scratch Open: Ryan McKenzie 156, Dean Gunn 157, Gary Krahe & Rohan Laycock 163, John Jess 164, Ross Laycock 165, Russell Blandthorn 176 & Wayne Gove 178.

O'Connors's Handicap Open: Dean Gunn & Gary Krahe 145, Ryan McKenzie 148, Ross Laycock 149, John Jess 150, Rohan Laycock 155, Russell Blandthorn 156 & Wayne Gove 160.

Emmett's Scratch Intermediate: Ryan Smith 174, Danny Kearns & Brenton Cheney 175, Mark Lovett 181, Terry Sanders 188.

O'Connors's Handicap Intermediate: Brenton Cheney 149, Danny Kearns 151, Ryan Smith 152, Mark Lovett 153, Terry Sanders 158.

Emmett's Scratch B Grade: Richie Bett 182, Steve Greenwood & Allan Habel 189, Ted Baxter 190, Paul Euvrard 193, Dave Flannery 195, Kym Stepney 196, Dennis Murphy 198, Allan McLean 201, Dave Trippett 203.

O'Connors's Handicap B Grade: Allan Habel 149, Richie Bett 150, Paul Euvrard 151, Kym Stepney 152, Steve Greenwood 155, Ted Baxter 156, Dave Flannery 157, Allan McLean & Dave Trippett 159, Dennis Murphy 160.

Emmett's Scratch C Grade: Jake Cheney 201, Mick Marchment 206, Derek Picken 207, Nathan Holland & Jamie Weston 213, Stan Ryan 214.

O'Connors's Handicap C Grade: Mick Marchment 150, Jake Cheney & Derek Picken 153, Jamie Weston 155, Nathan Holland 157, Stan Ryan 158.

Road to Port Fairy

The **Shearwater House, 'Road to Port Fairy'** sponsored by John & Marie Aitken, is rolling along nicely with a keen contest in both sections.

In the Women's section, Debby Barling & Julie Bayles have taken over from previous leader, Julie Koschitzke. Leonie Saunders has joined Julie, and it is tight at the top.

The Men's section sees Brenton Cheney extending his lead to a five-point lead, but Danny Kearns, Gary Krahe & John Jess are close behind. With the Men's championships to conclude on August 1st positions may change quickly.

The top scores are:

Women Section: Debby Barling 33, Julie Bayles 32, Julie Koschitzke & Leonie Saunders 31, Kaye Picken 27, Sue Krause 26, Wendy Hewitt 25, Cindy Marsh 23, Karen Germano & Lorraine Sleep 21.

Men's Section: Brenton Cheney 24, Danny Kearns, John Jess & Gary Krahe 19, Dave Flannery 18, Russell Blandthorn 16, Jamie Weston, Mark Lovett & Dennis Murphy 14

Pearson Singles KO

The Men's Pearson KO board event has eight golfers vying for this prestigious title. The qualifiers are:

John Barbetti v Derek Picken; Mark Lovett v Dean Gunn; Andrew Bell v Kym Stepney; Wayne Dovaston v Brenton Cheney. All matches are to be played by 25th July. Brenton defeated Wayne 1up after an epic battle. Many thanks to Greg & Julie Pearson for their generous sponsorship of this board event.

Upcoming

Saturday August 1st Final Round Emmett's/O'Connors Men's Championships **** A reminder of our change to the O'Connors IHS Annual Tournament is now in November.**

Thursday 12th – Sunday 15th November.

Working bee

We need to keep up with the tidying of branches, pinecones etc so having you attend the next working bee will be much appreciated.

Next working bee: Sunday 2nd August

Please contact Fred George or Gordon if you wish to contribute before or on this date.